THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Modernisation of steel Plant

1389. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to undertake a massive programme for the modernisation of the Steel Plants in the country with an estimated cost of Rs. 7,000 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrangements have been finalised with foreign countries for modernisation of Steel Plants; and

(d) if so, the details of the conditions of the collaboration?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Details of the Cost Estimates, which would require updating from time to time, in respect of the schemes for modernisation of Steel Plants are as follows:—

Name of the steel plant	Estimated cost
Durgapur Steel Plant	Rs.1357 crores (3rd Quarter 1986 prices).
Rourkela Steel Plant	Rs. 1600 crores (4th Quarter 1986 prices).
Burnpur Works of IISCO	Rs. 2930 crores.

(c) and (d) It is envisaged to obtain assistance from West Germany for Rourkela Steel Plant and from Japan for Burnpur Works of IISCO. The details in this regard will be known only after finalisation of collaborations with the above countries.

Cancellation of Recording of Message of Education Minister, Assam

1390. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Education, Science and Technology Minister of Assam had to cancel recording of his message on the eve of the World Environment Day to be telecast on Doordarshan; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Guwahati Doordarshan authorities did not allow the broadcast since the script of his message contained some strictures against the policies of the Central Public Sector Undertakings in Assam as well as that of the Union Government's efforts regarding pollution control and the economic exploitation of the State's natural resources?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The request for recording of a message by the Education, Science and Technology Minister of Assam on World Environment Day on 5th June, 1988 was received late in the afternoon of 3rd June, 1988 only. The recording was to be done the same day as per the wishes of the Hon'ble Minister. However, on going through the copy of the written message provided to the Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati, it was found that some modifications were required in it with a view to bringing the script in conformity with the guidelines applicable to such telecasts. The Director of the Kendra tried to discuss the matter with the Hon'ble Minister. However, he was neither available nor did he come for recording of the message.